RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): 'Whether it has been recognised or not' is my question.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion whether Government have recognised it or not.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): 'On a point of order, Sir, whether Mr. Asan's supplementary question relates to a question of fact or a matter of opinion.

PRESIDENT: In the circumstances, I cannot compel the Government member to answer more.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, it is a point for consideration and decision *by the Chair* whether my question relates to a question of fact, as to whether it has been recognised or not, or merely to an opinion.

PRESIDENT: As a fact, has it been recognised by Government or not? The Chief Secretary can answer that question.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, it has been recognised.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): 'Then, may I know why private school teachers are not preferred when fresh appointments are made?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware that the preferential claims of private school teachers have not been considered when fresh appointments are made. Therefore, I claim notice.

Appointments in the Agricultural Department.

6. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to my question No. 6 given on 15th November 1933, in this Assembly:

(*a*) whether any post on Rs. 15 per mensem has fallen vacant in the Agricultural Department since the date of the order mentioned in the question;

(*b*) whether any person has been appointed or promoted to a post carrying Rs 15 per mensem in the Agricultural Department since the receipt of that order?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): '(*a*) Yes.

'(*b*) Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the person, referred to in the answer given on 15th November 1933, has been appointed in the vacancy?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have answered "Yes."

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): My question relates to a particular person, belonging to the depressed classes, who had applied for appointment in a vacancy; and his name has been referred to in the answer given on 15th November 1933. I wish to know whether that person has been appointed in that vacancy.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes; Mr. Kunjuraman *has* been appointed in that vacancy.

Co-operative Societies and teachers in Aided Schools.

7. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether a circular has been recently issued that teachers in grant-in-aid schools should not hold offices in Co-operative Societies without special sanction?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

Withdrawal of recognition of Primary Schools.

8. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of primary schools whose recognition was withdrawn during 1109, with reasons in the case of each?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): 26, up to 6-7-1934 (17 on account of overlapping, 3 on account of mismanagement or unsatisfactory work, 6 because they ceased to work).

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In the case of the sixteen schools in regard to which, the answer says, recognition has been withdrawn on account of over-lapping, may I know the distance between the nearest over-lapping school and its neighbouring older school the recognition of which has not been withdrawn?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot give a guarantee for each of these sixteen or seventeen schools; but the probabilities are that in most cases the schools whose recognition has been withdrawn were less than a mile distant from other older institutions.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the number of Tamil schools whose recognition has been withdrawn?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. Elenkath's question relates to the number of schools whose recognition has been withdrawn. There are many other schools whose aid from Government has been stopped. I cannot now say how many of these schools, whose recognition has been withdrawn, are Tamil schools.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad*) *I*): Did the Director consult the Advisory Board before withdrawing recognition?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Did the Director visit these localities and schools before he recommended their recognition being withdrawn?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Director has visited many of them, but not all.

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